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After spending my hard earned tax money talking with Microsoft all these months, you have lost the wet noodle for the wrist slap, and are providing a craven settlement in the Microsoft antitrust case on weaker terms than negotiated before you won the appeals case. I realize the slogan "Go Nukeâ??em" was taken by the other side before you started but given the egregious Microsoft conduct this settlement is ridiculous. Their cries of preserving "innovation" are smoke. Were the gross incompatibilities of Windows Millennium innovation, or the big security holes in Outlook and Windows XP? I read in the Washington Post for Dec 22, 2001 that the FBI is now giving advice to XP users on measures to block hackers. There has been little innovation except on how to block credible competition. Adding insult to injury is the proposal to provide school donations of software as a follow-up aimed at knocking out the meager competition remaining. I cannot say I am proud of the DOJ in this one. The hold-out states have my appreciation and may they prevail. May a better operating never appear and your Windoze eternally be hacked and crash. The only thing worse than this settlement was the one proposed by the FCC for the Nextwave wireless license fiasco.